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1. THIS AFTERNOON (JANUARY 27), I CALLED ON LUNS, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM VACATION IN SPAIN, AND DREW FULLY ON REFTEL. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WASHINGTON'S DECISION FULLY AND HE THOUGHT THE POINTS I MADE WERE WELL TAKEN. HE SAID HE WILL RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE UK SERVING AS HOST PRIVATELY WITH AMBASSADOR PECK TOMORROW MORNING BEFORE THE PERMREPS LUNCH. CONCERNING THE BRITISH EXCUSE ABOUT LACK OF APPROPRIATE MEETING FACILITIES, LUNS SAID HE TAKES IT NO MORE SERIOUSLY THAN HE DOES THE NORWEGIAN EXCUSE THAT THEY NEED ONE YEAR ADVANCE NOTICE TO ARRANGE HOTEL SPACE. LUNS ADDED THAT IF EVERYTHING MISCARRIES, HE WILL CALL UPON "THE LONG-SUFFERING BELGIANS" TO HOST THE SPRING MINISTERIAL. ALMOST AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT, HE SAID, "I DON'T WANT TO SUGGEST IT TO THE DUTCH BECAUSE THEY WON'T DO IT."

2. COMMENT: AT LUNCH TOMORROW, PERMREPS WILL RETURN TO DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT OF VENUE FOR THE SPRING MINISTERIAL. LUNS WILL ASK ME IF I HAVE A RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON AND I WILL RELATE THE SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1 REFTEL. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WASHINGTON MIGHT HAVE BEFORE TOMORROW'S LUNCH, PARTICULARLY IF WASHINGTON HAS RE-SECRET

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CEIVED REACTION FROM THE UK TO US BILATERAL SUGGESTION THAT THEY SERVE AS HOST THIS SPRING.
BRUCE.

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